# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2016

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering July 10th to 16th, 2016, there were 576,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 6,100 from June 2016 but 800 more than the number employed in July 2015.

Agricultural employment was 42,700 persons in July 2016, down 500 from the June 2016 level but 400 more than the July 2015 agricultural employment level of 42,300. Non-agricultural employment was 533,400 persons in July 2016. This is a decrease of 5,600 from the June 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 539,00 but 400 more than July 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2016 was 6.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the June 2016 rate of 5.5 percent and 0.9 percentage points higher than the July 2015 level of 5.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,400 to 614,800 persons in July 2016 from 616,200 persons in June 2016. This is 6,500 more than the July 2015 labour force of 608,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 70.7 percent in July 2016 from 71.0 percent in June 2016. The July 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.6 percent.

There were 38,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2016. This is an increase of 4,600 from June 2016 and is 5,600 more than the number unemployed in July 2015.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2016, down 500 from the June 2016 level of 569,900 and is up 100 from the July 2015 employment level of 569,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2016 was 6.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the June 2016 rate of 6.1 percent and 1.1 percentage points higher than the July 2015 rate of 5.2 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 109,000 persons in July 2016 to 18,301,600 persons from 18,410,600 persons in June 2016. In July 2015, there were 18,240,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage points in July 2016 to 7.2 percent from the June 2016 level of 6.4 percent. In July 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in July 2016. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than June 2016 and 0.1 percentage points higher than the July 2015 level of 6.8 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 19,720.9 | 19,671.9 | 19,628.7 | 49.0 | 92.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 18,301.6 | 18,410.6 | 18,240.3 | -109.0 | 61.3 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 15,131.3 | 15,068.1 | 15,190.1 | 63.2 | -58.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,170.3 | 3,342.5 | 3,050.1 | -172.2 | 120.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,419.4 | 1,261.3 | 1,388.4 | 158.1 | 31.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.2 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.6 | 66.5 | 67.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 614.8 | 616.2 | 608.3 | -1.4 | 6.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 576.1 | 582.2 | 575.3 | -6.1 | 0.8 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 481.2 | 477.4 | 481.3 | 3.8 | -0.1 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 94.9 | 104.8 | 94.0 | -9.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.6 | 34.0 | 33.0 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.7 | 71.0 | 70.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,492.4 | 2,470.1 | 2,483.1 | 22.3 | 9.3 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,266.5 | 2,278.2 | 2,325.8 | -11.7 | -59.3 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,864.5 | 1,859.6 | 1,985.2 | 4.9 | -120.7 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 402.0 | 418.6 | 340.6 | -16.6 | 61.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 225.9 | 192.0 | 157.3 | 33.9 | 68.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.1 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 73.2 | 72.7 | 73.9 | 0.5 | -0.7 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 688.2 | 685.6 | 679.4 | 2.6 | 8.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 640.5 | 647.3 | 636.1 | -6.8 | 4.4 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 530.9 | 525.5 | 524.9 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 109.6 | 121.8 | 111.3 | -12.2 | -1.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 47.7 | 38.2 | 43.3 | 9.5 | 4.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.8 | 68.7 | 68.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

**Source:** Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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**TABLE 2**

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LABOUR FORCE ('000)** | 614.8 | 616.2 | 608.3 | -1.4 | 6.5 |
| Male | 336.6 | 336.0 | 333.8 | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| Female | 278.2 | 280.2 | 274.5 | -2.0 | 3.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 100.7 | 97.5 | 103.9 | 3.2 | -3.2 |
| 25+ Years of age | 514.0 | 518.7 | 504.4 | -4.7 | 9.6 |
| **EMPLOYED ('000)** | 576.1 | 582.2 | 575.3 | -6.1 | 0.8 |
| Male | 315.1 | 316.5 | 315.8 | -1.4 | -0.7 |
| Female | 261.0 | 265.7 | 259.5 | -4.7 | 1.5 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 89.1 | 87.9 | 94.5 | 1.2 | -5.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 487.0 | 494.3 | 480.7 | -7.3 | 6.3 |
| **UNEMPLOYED ('000)** | 38.6 | 34.0 | 33.0 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| Male | 21.4 | 19.5 | 18.0 | 1.9 | 3.4 |
| Female | 17.2 | 14.5 | 15.0 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 11.7 | 9.6 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 5.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 27.0 | 24.4 | 15.3 | 2.6 | 11.7 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Male | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Female | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 11.6 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| 25+ Years of age | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| **PARTICIPATION RATE (%)** | 70.7 | 71.0 | 70.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Male | 76.8 | 76.7 | 76.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Female | 64.5 | 65.1 | 64.2 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 74.7 | 72.3 | 76.1 | 2.4 | -1.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 69.9 | 70.7 | 69.5 | -0.8 | 0.4 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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## TABLE 3

## SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 42.7 | 43.2 | 42.3 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 25.0 | 25.9 | 25.7 | -0.9 | -0.7 |
| Utilities | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Construction | 54.1 | 52.5 | 57.7 | 1.6 | -3.6 |
| Manufacturing | 25.3 | 25.5 | 27.2 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| Trade | 89.5 | 88.6 | 85.8 | 0.9 | 3.7 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 28.8 | 28.6 | 30.1 | 0.2 | -1.3 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 28.7 | 29.5 | 30.3 | -0.8 | -1.6 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 27.2 | 27.6 | 24.9 | -0.4 | 2.3 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 14.3 | 13.4 | 15.5 | 0.9 | -1.2 |
| Educational Services | 33.9 | 43.3 | 32.1 | -9.4 | 1.8 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 79.5 | 78.5 | 79.6 | 1.0 | -0.1 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 22.3 | 21.8 | 20.5 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 40.2 | 40.4 | 39.5 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Other Services | 25.8 | 25.6 | 27.9 | 0.2 | -2.1 |
| Public Administration | 31.8 | 30.4 | 28.9 | 1.4 | 2.9 |
| Total | 576.1 | 582.2 | 575.3 | -6.1 | 0.8 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 481.2 | 477.4 | 481.3 | 3.8 | -0.1 |
| Part-Time | 94.9 | 104.8 | 94.0 | -9.9 | 0.9 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 472.9 | 477.4 | 473.2 | -4.5 | -0.3 |
| Public Sector | 134.8 | 142.5 | 130.8 | -7.7 | 4.0 |
| Private Sector | 338.2 | 334.9 | 342.4 | 3.3 | -4.2 |
| Self-Employed | 103.2 | 104.8 | 102.0 | -1.6 | 1.2 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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**TABLE 4**

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 18,301.6 | 18,410.6 | 18,240.3 | -109.0 | 61.3 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 247.9 | 248.1 | 251.9 | -0.2 | -4.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 75.9 | 76.7 | 76.9 | -0.8 | -1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 458.4 | 459.9 | 463.7 | -1.5 | -5.3 |
| New Brunswick | 367.6 | 364.9 | 359.4 | 2.7 | 8.2 |
| Quebec | 4,197.5 | 4,210.5 | 4,188.2 | -13.0 | 9.3 |
| Ontario | 7,052.1 | 7,128.6 | 7,033.1 | -76.5 | 19.0 |
| Manitoba | 640.5 | 647.3 | 636.1 | -6.8 | 4.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 576.1 | 582.2 | 575.3 | -6.1 | 0.8 |
| Alberta | 2,266.5 | 2,278.2 | 2,325.8 | -11.7 | -59.3 |
| British Columbia | 2,419.0 | 2,414.3 | 2,329.7 | 4.7 | 89.3 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.2 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 11.1 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.7 | 7.4 | 9.6 | 1.3 | -0.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.1 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| New Brunswick | 9.6 | 8.8 | 10.8 | 0.8 | -1.2 |
| Quebec | 7.0 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 0.6 | -0.5 |
| Ontario | 6.9 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Manitoba | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Alberta | 9.1 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| British Columbia | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 |

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## TABLE 5

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 18,023.3 | 18,054.5 | 17,951.9 | -31.2 | 71.4 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 232.0 | 237.0 | 236.3 | -5.0 | -4.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 71.4 | 71.4 | 72.4 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 445.3 | 446.7 | 449.2 | -1.4 | -3.9 |
| New Brunswick | 354.6 | 349.6 | 347.9 | 5.0 | 6.7 |
| Quebec | 4,106.8 | 4,110.8 | 4,096.8 | -4.0 | 10.0 |
| Ontario | 6,966.6 | 7,002.7 | 6,942.7 | -36.1 | 23.9 |
| Manitoba | 636.3 | 636.1 | 632.1 | 0.2 | 4.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 569.4 | 569.9 | 569.3 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 2,248.2 | 2,249.6 | 2,297.3 | -1.4 | -49.1 |
| British Columbia | 2,392.7 | 2,380.6 | 2,308.0 | 12.1 | 84.7 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 12.8 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 9.6 | 11.0 | 11.3 | -1.4 | -1.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| New Brunswick | 9.7 | 10.3 | 11.0 | -0.6 | -1.3 |
| Quebec | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| Ontario | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Manitoba | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Saskatchewan | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Alberta | 8.6 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| British Columbia | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.0 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.4 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| Halifax | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.3 | -0.3 | -1.1 |
| Saint John | 7.5 | 7.8 | 9.0 | -0.3 | -1.5 |
| Quebec | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Montreal | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.7 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| Toronto | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Greater Sudbury | 8.0 | 8.4 | 7.7 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| Winnipeg | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Regina | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.3 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| Saskatoon | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.9 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Calgary | 9.1 | 8.8 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Edmonton | 7.8 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| Vancouver | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Victoria | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.5 | -0.6 | -1.0 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 186.9 | 185.5 | 185.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 53.4 | 53.6 | 54.8 | -0.2 | -1.4 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 198.3 | 195.0 | 199.8 | 3.3 | -1.5 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 38.5 | 37.9 | 38.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 101.5 | 101.4 | 103.7 | 0.1 | -2.2 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Last Month | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 614.9 | 610.7 | 612.7 | 4.2 | 2.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 578.7 | 573.3 | 582.1 | 5.4 | -3.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 36.2 | 37.4 | 30.6 | -1.2 | 5.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.0 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.8 | 70.4 | 71.2 | 0.4 | -0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.6 | 66.1 | 67.6 | 0.5 | -1.0 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 561.3 | 558.3 | 561.2 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 533.2 | 529.1 | 537.1 | 4.1 | -3.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 28.1 | 29.2 | 24.1 | -1.1 | 4.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.3 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.3 | 71.0 | 71.6 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.7 | 67.2 | 68.5 | 0.5 | -0.8 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 53.6 | 52.4 | 51.5 | 1.2 | 2.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 45.5 | 44.2 | 45.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.1 | 8.2 | 6.5 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 15.1 | 15.6 | 12.5 | -0.5 | 2.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.8 | 64.9 | 66.6 | 0.9 | -0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.9 | 54.7 | 58.3 | 1.2 | -2.4 |
| **FIRST NATIONS** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 20.6 | 20.2 | 18.7 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 15.5 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.1 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 24.7 | 24.4 | 20.5 | 0.3 | 4.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.1 | 57.9 | 57.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 43.7 | 43.7 | 45.5 | 0.0 | -1.8 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 32.7 | 31.7 | 32.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| Employed ('000) | 29.7 | 28.5 | 29.9 | 1.2 | -0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.6 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.1 | 10.2 | 7.9 | -1.1 | 1.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.9 | 70.6 | 73.3 | 1.3 | -1.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.3 | 63.4 | 67.5 | 1.9 | -2.2 |

**Notes:**

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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